

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant	:	De Vuyst et al.
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For	:	STREPTOCOCCUS THERMOPHILUS STRAINS PRODUCING STABLE HIGH-MOLECULAR-MASS EXOPOLYSACCHARIDES
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AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING RCE**Mail Stop RCE**

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed from the United States Patent and Trademark Office on September 30, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.